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VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 1944

WEATHER FORECAST	
Victoria and vicinity—Moderate to cold.	
Temperature—Yesterday, maximum, 42; minimum, 28; maximum on the grain, 23.	
Weather—Partly cloudy.	

SIXTEEN PAGES

Battle in Greece Grows Heavier as British Drive On

Relief Ships With Food for Underfed Civilians Still Unloaded Due to Strike

ATHENS, Dec. 18 (AP)—The battle between British forces and the Greek E.L.A.S. grew heavier late today, moving southward in Athens toward Phaleron and the city's port, Piræus.

British paratrooper, infantry and armored units which began their offensive on the Acropolis at dawn this morning met stiffer E.L.A.S. resistance as the day wore on. It was a patrol job by the British forces and, for the most part, successful. The assault on the Acropolis was confined over a wide area.

The British force, accompanied by a Greek force, captured a prison in the afternoon which had been used by E.L.A.S. prisoners who had been held only after having been taken to the city. They had to be moved by several hours until they were taken to the city. The British force had taken two to three anti-tank guns.

The British drive against the E.L.A.S. fighting area in the morning was a success. The British force had taken a large number of prisoners and had taken a large number of prisoners. The British force had taken a large number of prisoners and had taken a large number of prisoners.

E.L.A.S. Captives Taken in Athens Fighting

A British Tommy captures a Number of Prisoners Captured When the British Troops Took the K.E.E. Building in a Continuous Square in the Greek Capital. A Number of Prisoners Taken in the Fight.

ATHENS, Dec. 18 (AP)—British troops, moving down the main street of Athens, captured a large number of prisoners and a large number of prisoners. The British force had taken a large number of prisoners and had taken a large number of prisoners.

United Nations 95 Tanks and Armored Vehicles as Germans Launch Drive

Great Nazi Counter-Offensive Hammers Deep End in U.S. First Army's Lines

ALLIED SUPREMACY HEADQUARTERS, Paris, Dec. 18 (AP)—The great German counter-offensive, hammering a deep end in United States First Army lines, plunged at least 15 miles into the Ardennes, the first indication of the extent of the German drive. The drive was launched from the United States Ninth Army front, which announced that R.A.F. fighters had shot down a German aircraft over the town of Stavelot, which is 18 miles west of the frontier and 24 miles south of the fortifications of the German line.

The drive was launched from the German line, which was 15 miles west of the frontier and 24 miles south of the fortifications of the German line.

Big Polish Port Raided By R.A.F.

WARSAW, Dec. 18 (AP)—The British Royal Air Force (R.A.F.) tonight raided the Polish port of Gdynia, the first of a series of attacks on the port. The R.A.F. bombers dropped a large number of bombs on the port, which was a major German base.

Follow Smash at Rail Battles by Americans

LOUISVILLE, Dec. 18 (AP)—A strong force of American troops, moving south from the front lines, captured a large number of prisoners and a large number of prisoners. The American force had taken a large number of prisoners and had taken a large number of prisoners.

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Cutting Off Escape of Nazi Free

RUSSIAN ARMY CROSSES INTO CZECHOSLOVAKIA

BRATISLAVA, Dec. 18 (AP)—The Russian army, moving south from the front lines, captured a large number of prisoners and a large number of prisoners. The Russian force had taken a large number of prisoners and had taken a large number of prisoners.

U.S. Approves Soviet Demand

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 (AP)—The United States government, moving south from the front lines, captured a large number of prisoners and a large number of prisoners. The United States force had taken a large number of prisoners and had taken a large number of prisoners.

From Europe Day by Day

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Missaps Bring Tragedy to Canadian Night Raid

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Superiority of Big Japan Homeland Plant

NAGAYA BLAST—HANKOW Base of Enemy in China Raided by Another Force of B-29's

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First Equumalt Troop—The troop held its weekly meeting on Wednesday. Bill Watson was invited as a Scout. Next Friday is Scout Night at the Cadet Theatre. The management is giving a percentage of the evening receipts to the Equumalt Boy Scouts Association.

First Tillamook Cub Pack—At the weekly meeting of the First Tillamook Pack Fred Corbett and Don Mel-

given his loymaker's badge, Jack Norwood collectors, Bill Parquhar and Mead Hepworth artist. The meeting closed with grand bowl and Cub prayer. The next meeting will be held on January 10.

First Strawberry Vale Pack — A good attendance featured the meeting of the pack on Tuesday night. First and second star instructional games were played. Bill Payne was given his artist badge. Meeting closed with grand howl and Cub prayer.

North Quadra Cubs—The annual Christmas party was held on Wednesday. Games were played and presents given. David Geddes won the prize for the best hind house, and Mervin Neaverville was second. Refreshments were served, after which each boy received an apple, the gift of Mr. F. King. The Yellow Six won the honor pennant. George Harvey, R.C.N.V.R., who, after helping the pack for many months, has left for the East, was presented with an autograph book signed by each

boy in the pack. The meeting closed with grand howl and Oub prayer. The next meeting will be held on January 3.

Stedman and Jack McBay; house orderly, Michael Stedman; gardener's badge, Michael Stedman. Leaping Wolf badges were pre-

presented to the following boys who were second star Cubs and now are in the troop: Ronald McCredy, Jimmy Mooney, Lorne Davies, Mark Stedman, Ronald Ferguson, Bobby Wetmore and Neville Hutton. Neville Hutton was also presented with the Cub instructor's badge. Scout Dave Francis was given his laundryman's, rescuer's and swimmer's badges.

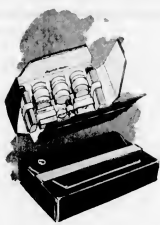
Scout R. Milligan was presented with his Grade "A" green cords and dark Stedman with his second class badge.

Other guests of the troop were Cubmaster Jean Parker, Assistant Cubmaster Mary Wilkinson, Freeman King, Mrs. E. Merritt, Mr. and Mrs. D. Parker. After the badge presentation, winners and hunks and cocoa were served. The meeting closed with Scout closing and Cub prayer. The next Scout meeting will be on Friday, January 8.

CHATHAM, England (AP)—This town, near the cathedral city of Canterbury, has gained official recognition of its claim to being the first English town to be bombed by the Germans. Incendiaries fell there 15 a.m. May 10, 1940.

LONDON (K)—The total area in and in England and Wales held by the War Department at June 30 was 3,000 acres. Supply departments held 35,500 acres.

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